agent or to increase country's production by switching to manufacturing ;

(d) whether these companies are justifying the purpose for which these have been set up ; and

(e) if not, what is Government's re-action thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : The Information pertaining to Engineering Projects (I) Ltd. (EPI) is given below :

(a) EPI is executing projects mainly on turn-key basis from design engineering upto erection and commissioning. EPI has been carrying substantial in-house design engg. and executing works departmentally. Orders for equipments are placed on other companies after following due procedure. Thus, EPI is not acting as middle man.

(b) The total value of Durgapur Modernisation Project is Rs. 400 crores (approx.) and EPI's share of business is about Rs. 62 crores. This business was secured through competitive bids. The Company has placed orders (value about Rs. 2 crores) for sophisticated equipments with some public sector companies like MAMC, HEC & Instrumentation Ltd.

(c) EPI has been set up to carry on business as prime turn-key contractor in specialised fields.

(d) The company's operations are within the objectives set out at the time of inception.

(e) Not applicable. The information pertaining to Engineers India Ltd. is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign collaboration for manufacture of washing machines

1374. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1546 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th March, 1990 and state :

(a) what has been the foreign exchange outflow on knowhow, capital goods and components for the manufacture of washing machines ; and

(b) what has been the foreign exchange earning ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

हेवी इंजीनियरिंग कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड, रांची की अवस्थिति

1375. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान रांची से प्रकाशित होने वाले दैनिक समाचार पत्र "प्रभात खबर" में एच.ई.सी. को इसकी लापरवाही के कारण प्रतिवर्ष एक करोड़ रुपये की हानि' (लाख आफ रूपीज वन क्रोर पर इयर टू एच.ई.सी आन एकाउंट आफ इट्स नेगलीजेंस) शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि हैवीइंजीनियरिंग कारपोरेशन को काम के आर्डर नहीं मिल पा रहे हैं क्योंकि यह काम को समय पर पूरा नहीं करता है जिसके परिणाम स्वरूप आर्डर देने वाली पार्टी को काफी वित्तीय नुकसान उठाना पड़ता है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि हैवी इंजीनियरिंग कारपोरेशन कच्चे माल की खरीद के लिए उन्हीं पार्टियों को आर्डर